

Adefovir dipivoxil

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Brand Name: Hepsera

Drug Class: Opportunistic Infection and Other Drugs

Adefovir dipivoxil, also known as Hepsera, belongs to the class of medicines called antivirals. Adefovir is a nucleotide analogue that blocks hepatitis B virus (HBV) DNA polymerase, a protein that HBV needs to make more copies of itself.

HIV/AIDS-Related Uses

Adefovir is approved by the FDA for the treatment of chronic HBV infection, a common coinfection in patients with HIV/AIDS.

Dosage Form/Administration

Adefovir comes as a tablet and is taken by mouth. Adefovir can be taken with or without food.

Contraindications

Individuals who have any pre-existing conditions should tell a doctor before taking this medicine.

Possible Side Effects

Along with its desired effects, adefovir may cause some unwanted effects. Although not all of these side effects are known, headache, abdominal pain, nausea, diarrhea, bloating, indigestion, and flatulence have been reported. More serious symptoms include loss of muscle control, unusual tiredness, trouble breathing, dizziness, yellowing of the eyes or skin, dark urine, and lack of appetite. It is important that individuals taking this medicine tell a doctor of any unusual or bothersome side effects.

Drug and Food Interactions

A doctor should be notified of any other medications being taken, including prescription, nonprescription (over-the-counter), or herbal medications.

Clinical Trials

For information on clinical trials that involve Adefovir dipivoxil, visit the ClinicalTrials.gov web site at <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>. In the Search box, enter: Adefovir dipivoxil AND HIV Infections.



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